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1. EMBOFF RECENTLY PRESENTED US LOS DELEGATION'S UNCLSSIFIED REPORT ON FOURTH SESSION TO MFA OFFICERS DEALING WITH LOS AND USED OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS NEPALESE ATTITUDES TOWARDS FORTHCOMING SESSION.

2. NEPAL'S PRIMARY, IF NT SOLE, INTEREST REMAINS IN RIGHT OF ACCESS TO SEA FOR LANDLOCKED STATES. MFA OFFICIALS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT FOURTH SESSION HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO DEAL WITH HARD ISSUES AND THEY WERE NOT HOPEFUL THAT UPCOMING MEETING WILL RESULT IN FUTHER PROGRESS.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER ARYAL DOES NOT PLAN TO ATTEND PLOS CONFERENCE. NEPAL BY AND LARGE IS SYPMPATHETIC TO US CONCERNS REGARDING LOS AND MFA HAS CONSISTENTLY STATED IT WILL SUPPORT US POSITIONS "WHATEVER POSSIBLE". FOREGN MINISTER HIMSELF IS PRO-AMERCAN, HAVING BEEN EDUCATED IN US AN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH FULBRIGHT COMMISSIONS FOR MANY YEARS. IT IS DOUBTFUL, HOWEVER, WHETHER HE HAS FOCUSED PERSONALLY ON LOS ISSUES. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT NEPALESE DELEGATION HAS IN PAST BEEN GIVEN WIDE LATITUDE TO MAKE ON THE SPOT DECISIONS WITHOUR REFERRAL BACK TO MFA FOR POSITIONS. THERE ARE NO DIFFERENCES THAT WE ARE AWARE OF BETWEEN LOS DELEGA-
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TION AND MFA. WE BELEIVE THAT NEPALESE WOULD WELCOME

CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH US DELEGATION. WE WILL INFORM
DEPARTMENT WHEN COMPOSITION OF NEPALESE DELEGATIONS
IS KNOWN..
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